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## Request

<b>Request ID</b>	684171
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### Request description

Copies of all electronic mail sent to or from (including also as cc: or bcc:) i) RA Lisa F. Garcia, ii) Deputy RA Walter Mugdan, and/or iii) MSD Director Donald Pace, which is dated at any time from April 18, 2022 through April 18, 2023, inclusive, that also mentions, anywhere, whether in a To, From, cc:, bcc: or Subject field, email body or attachment, one or more of the following: i) @earthjustice.org, ii) @nrdc.org, iii) @ceres.org, iv) SierraClub.org, v) @NYPirg.org, vi) @mrss.com, vii) @350.org, viii) @fight4zero.org and/or ix) @m4bl.org. These terms are not case-sensitive. Please note this is a discrete request. To narrow this request, please consider as non-responsive electronic correspondence that merely receives newsletters, or press releases, or press summaries or 'clippings', such as news services or releases, stories or opinion pieces from the original source.

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## Supporting documentation

## Additional Information

4.18.23 PTF USEPA R2 Pressure Group FOIA  
Request.pdf

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## Fees

**Request category ID**

media

**Fee waiver**

yes

Our request for fee waiver is in the alternative, first for reasons of significant public interest, and second, on the basis of the Power the Future's status as a media outlet. EPA must address both of these requests for fee waiver in the event it denies one; failure to do so is prima facie arbitrary and capricious. First, PTF plainly qualifies as a media requester as shown by the frequency with which we broadly disseminate our work and with which our work is broadly disseminated in the news media (<https://powerthefuture.com/in-the-news/>), showing an intention and ability to broadly disseminate responsive information. Further, in the alternative thus, EPA must consider four factors to determine whether a request is in the public interest: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "government operations or activities," (2) whether the disclosure "is likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities, (3) whether the disclosure "is likely to contribute to public understanding" of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject, and (4) whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities. As shown below, PTF and this request meet each of these factors. A. The Subject of This Request Concerns "the Operations and Activities of the Government." The subject matter of this request concerns the operations and activities of senior officials with certain outside pressure groups as it broadly implements an agenda these groups are lobbying for and with great success as even a quick internet search confirms. B. Disclosure is "Likely to Contribute" to an Understanding of Government Operations or Activities. As described, above, the requested records are meaningfully informative about government operations or activities and will contribute to an increased understanding of those operations and activities by the public. The requested records pertain to that described in "A", immediately above. Any records responsive to this request therefore are likely to have an informative value and are "likely to contribute to an understanding of Federal government operations or activities". We note President Biden's environmental agenda has been the subject of substantial media interest and promotional efforts. Disclosure of the requested records will allow PTF to convey to the public information about the coordination between agencies and outside activists. Once the information is made available, PTF will analyze it and present it to its followers and the general public in a manner that will meaningfully enhance the public's understanding of this topic. Thus, the requested records are likely to contribute to an understanding of government operations and activities. C. Disclosure of the

## Explanation

Willing to pay	\$200
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**Expedited processing**

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